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It has been observed that the Esso Reporter newscast, containing news from the United Press wire service, is no longer transmitted over Radio Belgrano of Buenos Aires, where it has been an established feature for more than a decade.

The change apparently follows in the wake of attacks directed against the Esso Reporter for its handling of news pertaining to the September 28 military revolt, especially the manner in which the revolt news was handled by "El Reporter Esso" from radio stations outside Argentina.

Discontinuance of the Esso Reporter service was apparently effective as of October 1. It was first noticed when Radio Belgrano, Buenos Aires, broadcasting in Spanish to Argentina, supplanted its usual Esso Reporter newscast at 10:00 P.M. (Argentine time) with "News from 'APA,' 'Agencia Periodistica Argentina,' and wire dispatches from 'International News Service' and 'France Presse.'"

The broadcasts have been carefully checked since then, and so far the Esso Reporter, which for years consisted of news supplied by United Press, but which now regularly features news from APA, INS, and AFP, has not been reinstated.

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